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City Council Gives Views On Parkway Improvements

Maryland State Highway Administration officials heard in no uncertain terms at the Greenbelt Junior High School Nov. 6 public hearing local sentiment against the widening of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and its opening to truck traffic.

The hearing was held to acquaint the public with a wide range of possibilities for improving the Parkway. A consulting firm, Systems Design Concept, Inc. of Washington, had been hired to make recommendations by next year.

At present the Parkway from the D.C. line to Jessup is under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service, but this study is being made in anticipation of the State of Maryland taking over these 19 miles.

Gil Weidenfeld, Mayor Pro Tem of Greenbelt, delivered city council's views. He stressed that the present Parkway embodies a unique scenic and esthetic character that is often not found in the latest interstate highways. Thus, while improvements are necessary, they should not be such as to impair the inherent characteristics of the Parkway.

Weidenfeld was concerned especially about proposals for widening the Parkway in response to suggestions for channeling I-95 traffic through the city, via the Parkway. He cited the additional air and noise pollution that Greenbelt residents would be subject to, especially if Parkway prohibitions against truck traffic were lifted.

In this connection, the hearing was notified that the council has already gone on record in opposition to construction of a connector between I-95 and the Parkway, which is designed to channel north-south traffic to the Washington area via the Parkway, in the absence of an I-95 extension through the District of Columbia.

Weidenfeld said that since a great amount of north-south traffic along I-95 is not oriented to Washington, D.C., he thought such traffic should continue to be served by the Beltway.

In one other matter, Weidenfeld expressed opposition to any contemplated plans for closing the Greenbelt Road interchange with the B-W Parkway, noting that

Greenbelt residents would then be forced to gain access to the Parkway through Kenilworth Ave. Some sentiments had been expressed for closing this interchange because of its proximity to the Beltway.

Other municipal officials from Cheverly and Bladensburg voiced similar fears about the effects of widening the Parkway on air and noise pollution.

Also voicing opposition to the widening of the B-W Parkway and truck traffic was the Prince George's Environment Coalition through its representative, James Repace. Adverse effects cited of paving the existing forested median and right-of-way included (1) increased volume and concentration of traffic; (2) increased levels of air contaminants in adjacent neighborhoods from motor vehicle exhaust; (3) greater quantity and more rapid flow of storm water run-off; (4) destruction of local wildlife refuge; and (5) destruction of indigenous floral and forest growth.

The Coalition agreed that the road should be made safer for the existing traffic load and recommended resurfacing and enlarging existing lanes and shoulders to standard width. It suggested redesign and lengthening of on-and-off ramps, and construction of pedestrian and bicycle overpasses to link severed neighborhoods.

The Coalition asked that it be a party to the review of the draft Environmental Impact Statement which the State will be required to submit on the project.

Legal Guide For Elderly

The American Association of Retired Persons and the National Retired Teachers Association have published a booklet to help retirees live a more successful retirement life. For a free copy of "Your Retirement Legal Guide," write to: Legal Guide, AARP-NRTA Fulfillment Department, Box 2400, Long Beach, Cal., 90801.

City of Greenbelt Maryland

Regular Meeting of City Council

Monday, Nov. 18, 1974
8:00 p.m.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 4, 1974
5. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Petitions and Requests
7. Administrative Reports
8. Committee Reports -

III. OLD BUSINESS

9. Bikeways Within Road Ordinance - APB Report #157
10. City Bicentennial Emblem - Bicentennial Committee Report
11. Curb Cuts and Ramps - PRAB Report 17-74
12. Play Area at St Hugh's School; Vandalism - PRAB Report 18-74
13. Turning Wall at Greenbelt Swimming Pool - PRAB Report 19-74
14. Proposed Draft Agreement, City of Greenbelt and Board of Education PRAB Report 20-74

IV. NEW BUSINESS

15. Legislative Program 1974/75
16. Functions of Government
17. Appointments to Boards and Committees
18. Parking Management Regulations
19. Meetings

V. MISCELLANEOUS

NOTE: The above is a preliminary agenda subject to change.

Md. U. Science Open House

The latest in scientific research and education will be on display during a Sunday afternoon open house set for Nov. 17 from 1-5 p.m. at the University of Maryland campus in College Park. Sponsors will be the University's "sciences" divisions—agricultural and life sciences and mathematical and physical sciences and engineering.

Researchers and teachers will be on hand to explain their projects and answer questions. The event is designed as a family affair for the general public.

A complete schedule of events and a map of buildings will be available on arrival at the College Park campus. Schedules and maps will also be available at public libraries in Prince Georges county.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Nov. 14, 7:45 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.
Sat., Nov. 16, 1-3 p.m., Basketball Sign-up, Youth Center
Mon., Nov. 18, 8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Tues., Nov. 19, 8 p.m., Parkdale Senior High School PTSA
Thurs., Nov. 21, 7:45 p.m., GDC Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

NEWS REVIEW BEGINS 38th YEAR OF PUBLICATION IN NOVEMBER

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following brief history of the Greenbelt News Review is published for the benefit of new residents of Greenbelt on the occasion of the newspaper's 37th anniversary.)

Six weeks after the first residents of Greenbelt unpacked their household belongings in 1937, a newspaper was issued. Recognizing the immediate need for a news medium, the first families formed on November 11, 1937, a Journalistic Club to issue a weekly paper, the "Greenbelt Co-operator."

The policies of the paper, as formulated at the meeting were: to serve as a nonprofit enterprise, to remain nonpartisan in politics, to remain neutral in religious matters, to print the news accurately and regularly, to make its pages an open forum for civic affairs, to develop a staff of volunteer writers, and to create a "good neighbor" spirit, promote friendship, advance the common good, and develop a "Greenbelt philosophy of life."

These principles still guide the motives and actions of the present Greenbelt News Review, the direct descendant of the Greenbelt Co-operator. The name was changed in September, 1954, in order to clarify the independent status of the paper and prevent its being confused with numerous other co-op organizations in Greenbelt. The Journalistic Club lasted until July, 1940, when it was converted into the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, which has continued the sponsorship of the paper ever since. An incorporation charter for the Association was granted in September, 1941, by the District of Columbia.

The First Issue

The first issue of the Co-operator, appearing on November 24, 1937, was a neatly mimeographed paper containing sixteen letter-sized pages of local news and editorial content.

The newspaper has appeared regularly every week since then for thirty-seven years.

The paper was prepared at the homes of various staff members until January, 1938, when the Federal Government (which owned Greenbelt at that time) made space available at the Center, free of cost, and also loaned much-needed furniture, typewriters and office equipment. To meet the costs of paper, ink and stencils a charge of five cents per copy was made beginning with the issue of January 5, 1938. Distribution was turned over to the Boy Scout troop, which was allowed to retain two cents for each paper sold.

Free Delivery

An important development in the history of the newspaper was the decision to deliver the Co-operator free of charge to every home in town, beginning with the issue of September 7, 1939. The additional cost of local distribution was small, and this radical change of policy provided larger circulation figures, which could be used as evidence of the value of advertising in the Co-operator, once its distribution had become community wide. The town government engaged more and more space for the publication of pending ordinances, budgets and the like.

The policy of free distribution remained unchanged until July, 1953, when the paper was forced by financial straits to go to a subscription basis — \$3 a year. The response was fairly encouraging.

Greenbelt Day In 1975

The Greenbelt city council has decided to jump the gun on the Bicentennial celebration by having the Greenbelt phase initiated next year instead of 1976. This came about when the council passed a resolution on Nov. 4 accepting the recommendation of the Greenbelt American Revolution Bicentennial Committee to designate the first Sunday in June as "Greenbelt Day". The first such celebration will be held in 1975.

It is proposed that appropriate ceremonies and events be held on Greenbelt Day to recognize the founding of the community and to commemorate its uniqueness as a community and its significance as an early planned community, and to give recognition to its past achievements and future goals. The city was incorporated on June 1, 1937.

but the added cost of maintaining subscription records convinced the governing body that the additional income was not worth the additional workload. In January, 1955, the paper returned to city-wide circulation.

Financial difficulties continued to plague the newspaper, and appeals were made to the businesses and organizations in town for funds. Finally, in April, 1959, the News Review resorted to a house-to-house community-wide drive for funds. Organized by the drive chairman Elaine Skolnik, who was aided by 125 volunteer court collectors, the drive netted over \$1,500. It proved such an unqualified success that it was renewed again the following year.

The yield from these drives was sufficient to meet the needs and no drives have been conducted since 1960; however, a fund drive was launched in 1966 by the Greenbelt Freedom of the Press Committee to help the paper defend itself against libel charges.

Libel Suit

The libel charges arose out of the paper's publication of remarks by citizens at a public city council meeting regarding a proposal made to the city by a local developer, Charles Bresler. A Prince Georges County jury found the remarks libelous and a \$17,500 judgment awarded Bresler was later affirmed by the Maryland Court of Appeals. The U. S. Supreme Court, however, in May 1970, reversed and vacated the judgment, ruling that the News Review was "performing its wholly legitimate function as a community newspaper when it published full reports of these public debates in its news columns." To hold otherwise, the high court said, "would subvert the most fundamental meaning of a free press."

During the 4-year legal struggle, the Freedom of the Press Committee collected over \$30,000 from the community to help meet legal expenses and to pay the judgment in case of an unsuccessful appeal.

Offices of the Paper

The News Review has had several homes since its inception. From its original second-floor quarters in the commercial center the paper moved its offices four times before finally coming to rest in the present basement office at 15 Parkway. With the withdrawal of the Federal Government from town, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Greenbelt Development Corporation, continued the federal policy of providing free office space, with the paper reimbursing the corporation for out-of-pocket expenses.

The entire staff consists of volunteer workers, most of whom have joined the paper as their contribution to their community's activities. Since March, 1957, nominal payments have been authorized to the editorial staff and to columnists—when finances permit, of course. There have been 39 changes in editorship during the paper's 37 years, attesting to the difficulty of this job; the position is at present held by Mary Lou Williamson and there are 29 staff members.

At present over 4,800 free copies of the News Review are distributed weekly to homes in Greenbelt, including Springhill Lake and University Square Apts.



Pictured in the groundbreaking ceremony for the City's new recreation building in Springhill Lake. Digging in are members of City Council, the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and representatives of SHL management. From left to right Harry Field; Mary Clarke, PRAB, and son Ben; Harry Irving, Recreation Director; Richard Castaldi, councilman, Mayor Richard Pilski assisted by unidentified youngster; Harold Kramer, SHL owner representative; Gil Weidenfeld, councilman; Charles Schwan, councilman; Rev. Kenneth Buker, PRAB and Mrs. Elton Young, wife of SHL property manager.

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Heating Advice

To the Editor:

The P. G. County Advisory Committee on Aging, whose primary mission is concern with the legal, health, and financial problems of the aging and help in solving some of these, or making some improvements, provides the following information on the County Heating Code. For those who live in rental housing & other types of multi-family dwellings, where there are no thermostats or an absence of control of them, and where heat is furnished in the lease or contract: the Code calls for an average temperature of at least 70° Fahrenheit with an outside temperature of 10° below zero. In an effort to conserve fuel voluntarily, at the suggestion of the Federal Energy Office, the County Housing Department will allow a five-degree variation to 65° sometimes, dependent upon a number of conditions.

When heating problems occur:

First, notify the rental manager of your apartment or the manager's office in your condominium or housing cooperative and make your request.

Second, if there is no compliance or promised cooperation, then call the County Housing Office 779-3850, Ext. 280, or visit their 3rd-floor offices in the County Service Bldg. in Hyattsville. Telephoned complaints will be taken. It is not necessary to send a written communication unless you wish to do so.

—Eunice E. Coxon,
Adv. Comm. on Aging

Asking For Answers

To the Editor:

Mr. Skolnik's presence at both budget meetings showed a studied lack of factual reporting. No mention was made of several questions posed by me at both meetings. Number 1 concerned the return of principal and interest on the \$120,000 reserve investment on the four (4) free-standing homes since 1967. At \$6,908 per year plus one (1) unit at \$36,000 at 7½% since 1970, it should amount to over \$50,000.

My other question related to our revolving fund of \$233,808, of which only \$70,200 was outstanding in 1973. This is Oehmann's report. My question was "Where is the difference?" Mr. Breashears acknowledged having this revolving fund in the presence of Mrs. Freeman and the typist.

My third question was: How much of the contract work on the four (4) Northend boilers was paid under our 1973 budget of \$210,500? This figure is Mr. Oehmann's not mine. How much of that work should be credited as cash paid for a portion of the \$51,000 moratorium the frames are being billed for?

Mr. McGee, a month ago, reported my presence at the board meeting, but neglected to mention my contention, with ample proof, that the members did not have a \$41,000 deficit in 1973. We had almost \$35,000 surplus from 1972 - again Mr. Oehmann's figures. We paid \$322,000 + \$35,000 surplus = \$357,000. The oil bill was \$345,000 in 1973. The board had no right to assess the membership claiming a deficit. Our by-laws also state the board cannot assess the membership. The right to collect in 1974 for the moratorium in 1974, when we pay interest on that money, is also irregular and questionable.

Martha Hutzler

On GHI Budget

To the Editor:

It was interesting to note that Mr. Breashears did not mention the items that GHI does have control over during the first budget meeting - as mentioned in the articles in the News Review - nor did he mention those items during the second meeting which I attended.

It is interesting to note that Mr. James Smith in his letter to the Editor failed to mention the items which GHI has control over either.

From reading the write-up of the meeting and Mr. Smith's letter one can easily get the misimpression that GHI cannot control the increase - and nothing could be farther from the truth.

Again, the membership is faced with the dilemma of a Board and General Manager that is apparently unwilling to take the drastic steps necessary to put GHI on a sound financial basis of keeping costs within the ability of the membership to sustain those costs.

For instance if you take the amount spent for clerical work in the Fiscal, Sales, Contracts and General Manager's office and divide it by 250 you will get the cost per day we are actually paying. Yes, we are paying well over a thousand dollars a day just to have a few letters typed, a few meeting minutes written up, and an occasional agreement written up! Just to have your payment of monthly charges noted paid costs over ten dollars a month to each and every member!

Therefore, I take the stand that we do need to revise our financial situation and perhaps the most important thing that is needed right now is for the membership to tell the Board and the General Manager how they want the excessive waste of funds eliminated from those items it is possible to trim.

For instance, we do not need 10 additional people added to an already overstaffed work force!

Yes - when it comes time for the membership to speak we should not be intimidated by the likes of - well, you know who they are and it is not necessary to point out specific individuals.

So - when the Annual Meeting comes around - go and stand on your feet and say what you want done rather than stay home and complain - or worse yet, attend and say nothing and be a bunch of sheep blindly going to the slaughter house!

Ben A. Hogensen

THANKS

To the Editor:

My heartfelt thanks to the 1451 Greenbelters who voted for me in the Nov. 5 election. Defeat-as well as victory-must be accepted as a mandate from the people. Let us all work for a better America.

Elizabeth Maffay
Republican Cand.
House of Delegates

THANKS

To the Editor:

We wish to again thank all the judges in 21-3 for their cooperation and for a job well done on election day.

Belva Weisel
Kathy Foster

Jolly Green Girls 4-H

by Marie Unger

The Jolly Green Girls' 4-H club elected officers at their Oct. meeting.

The officers are as follows: Robin Pray, president; Beth O'Keefe, vice-president; Betsy Turkiewicz, secretary; Marie Unger, reporter; Susan Dambraskas, recreation leader; and Vicki Taylor, song leader.

Old County Council
Reinstates Charter
Zoning Provision

One of the last acts of the outgoing county council on October 29 was enactment of legislation that reinstated the charter's zoning provisions overturned in 1973 by the Maryland Court of Appeals.

One section of interest to Greenbelt is a provision that the county council must muster a two-thirds vote to grant zoning map amendments in conflict with Master Plans or contrary to an affected municipality's recommendation. The law also entirely bans the granting of special zoning exceptions that conflict with adopted master plans.

The legislation mandates that all zoning applications must ask for specific actions and must cite a legal basis for the request. Applicants must present evidence that the requested use or zoning change will not be detrimental to the neighborhood.

New to the zoning requirements is a provision requiring applicants to maintain signs notifying citizens of a hearing date on a special exception or zoning map applications - a requirement already being used in Montgomery County where applicants must post the sign as well. County government found that signs were disappearing and Prince Georges County didn't have enough inspectors to keep track of the notices.

For the first time, amendments to applications submitted to the Zoning Hearing Examiner can ask only for zones recommended by the Planning Board or its technical staff if no Planning Board recommendation exists. In essence, the provision prohibits an applicant from revising his request once he receives indications that his original zoning application is being viewed unfavorably.

Council provided that District Council must hear all oral arguments requested by either side on a zoning application.

The legislation also contains a disclosure clause, transferred from Charter's original language, requiring all zoning applications to note who has legal or equitable interest in the property, including corporation stockholders with more than five percent of the shares. The provision doesn't apply to corporations listed on a stock exchange.

Other provisions included in the zoning bill are:

- a 24-month waiting period on a second application for rezoning the same property and a 48-month waiting period for a third application.

- a 120-day time limit for District Council's decision on zoning map amendments or special exceptions before automatic denial. The clause provides that the Zoning Hearing Examiner file his decision immediately, rather than giving him a 30-day leeway. The time limit is extended to 150 days for cases in which oral arguments are heard. - a requirement that findings and conclusions by the county Office of Law be written for all zoning cases, including permit waivers and zoning variances.

Rev. William Murry
Interim Pastor at
Community Church

Rev. William R. Murry has accepted an appointment as interim pastor of Greenbelt Community Church for the rest of this year. Dr. Murry, currently on sabbatical leave from the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Canada, is residing with his wife and two children in Columbia, Md.

Dr. Murry, who was born in Jefferson City, Mo., holds the degree of B.A. from Oklahoma Baptist University, B.D. from Yale Divinity School, and Ph.D. from Drew University. He was ordained to the ministry in 1958 and transferred to the United Church of Christ in 1962. He has studied under Richard Niebuhr and has published articles on the religious philosophy of both Richard and Reinhold Niebuhr.

Talk on Falasha Jews

The Falashas are an isolated tribe of Black Jews in Ethiopia, with unique customs and traditions which suggest that they have lost their contact with the mainstream of Judaism perhaps as long as 2000 years ago. At present their number is down to 25,000 and their community is under great pressure.

Gilbert Kulick established close contacts with the Falashas during the 3 years he served at the U.S. Embassy in Ethiopia and he will talk about their culture and life at Mishkan Torah (JCC) on Sunday, Nov. 17. The lecture begins at 8 p.m. (refreshments from 7:30) and will be illustrated with slides. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Tutoring Available

Tutoring services are available on a walk-in basis in the Greenbelt CARES Youth Services Bureau office 133 Centerway (near the theatre) between 7-9 p.m. Tutoring services are available in all subjects including languages

MISHKAN TORAH
SERVICES

Fri., Nov. 15, 8:30 p.m.
Rabbi Kenneth Berger
will discuss the poems
of "Hayim Nachman Bialik"
Sat. Services 9:30 A.M.
Ridge & Westway - 474-4223

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METRIC-ENGLISH CONVERTER

PRAB October Reports

The city's Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB), under the direction of chairman Joseph E. Wilkinson, spent a busy October preparing a series of reports on topics referred to it by city council. Four of these reports, dealing with curb cuts, vandalism, Greenbelt swimming pool, and use of school board recreational facilities were presented to the city council at its Nov. 4 meeting and will be considered at next council meeting on Nov. 18.

Curb Cuts

Report #17 recommended locations where ramps should be constructed in curbs for use by shopping carts and strollers. PRAB suggested that these be installed in conjunction with new construction, in the vicinity of the Commercial Center, and at a number of other locations throughout the city.

Specific locations mentioned included crosswalks at Municipal Building and across Centerway, across the driveway between the shoe repair shop and Greenbelt Realty, across Parkway at the path to North End, crosswalk between Medical Building and swimming pool, and crosswalks across Crescent Road at Southway.

Other locations included sidewalks along Southway, at crossings of Crescent Road at Center school and between 4 and 6 courts of Crescent, where the inner way crosses Gardenway, on Northway where the path behind the houses terminates, and across Laurel Hill where the inner path terminates opposite 5 court.

Vandalism

In response to council inquiry, PRAB in report #18 supported council's decision to clear the underbrush in the St. Hugh's area and to improve the street lighting in the area. St. Hugh's had been much troubled by vandals breaking windows during the summer months.

PRAB recommended that no playground be installed at this time in the St. Hugh's area since it felt that this may not be a suitable location for a neighborhood playground due to its distance from local homes. It thought that consideration should be given to reversing the existing basketball goals in the direction of the newly created area. PRAB also recommended that the city assure citizens that all complaints and requests will be responded to as soon as possible by the appropriate authority.

PRAB further recommended that the city council direct the Community Relations Advisory Board to study two possible solutions proposed by PRAB which deal with the handling of juvenile offenders.

Swimming Pool

PRAB reiterated its approval of an Aquatic Boosters Club proposal for installation of a turning wall in the Greenbelt swimming pool. It recommended in Report #19 that the city manager be directed to consult with Greenhorne and O'Mara as to the cost of said wall, and that the city manager investigate to see if part of the funding could be done through State and Federal aid.

Use of School Property

In Report #20, PRAB urged the city council to negotiate with the County Board of Education an agreement that would permit the city to utilize recreational facilities and unused school board property and school athletic fields. A draft agreement between the school board and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission was suggested by PRAB as a basis for the negotiation.

TOY EXCHANGE AT CARES

Greenbelt CARES Youth Services Bureau will sponsor a toy exchange on Mon. Nov. 18 from 7-9 p.m. in the Youth Services Bureau office at 133 Centerway (next to the theater). Bring a reusable toy to be exchanged and save on your holiday expenses.

Report On Greenbriar Sewage Plant Operation

by Elaine Skolnik

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) reports that the Greenbriar sewage treatment plant is "in normal operation." Effluent has not yet been discharged into the stream because the volume generated to date has been low. Tanks in the plant are still filling up, and when the systems are full, effluent will be discharged into the stream up to two hours daily. Forty-two families are now residing in the 1,193-unit Greenbriar condominium development.

About a week after the plant opened, paint was discovered flaking from the walls of the holding tanks. The tanks were drained and, while corrective work was being done by the manufacturer, sewage was diverted to the Western Branch. An emergency line has been constructed between the Greenbriar plant and the Western Branch to handle emergencies.

Chlorine

A major research project is underway by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to investigate the presence of cancer producing compounds in public drinking water. According to EPA, the chlorination of drinking water may be producing some of these compounds. Concern has also been voiced about the safety of chlorinating processes at sewage treatment plants, since the effluent from these plants is discharged into the raw water supply.

Virus removal at the Greenbriar plant is achieved by pumping the effluent into a chlorine contact tank where it is held for a period of an hour. Prior to discharge into the stream, the effluent is dechlorinated so that the chlorine is neutralized before going into the stream. According to WSSC, a dechlorination process will also be in operation in advanced treatment plants such as the proposed Dickerson plant in Montgomery County.

Student Code of Conduct Topic of Parkdale PTSA

The Parkdale PTSA will hold its second meeting of the current school year in the school's multipurpose room on Tues., Nov. 19, at 8 p.m. The program for the evening will feature a discussion of the new student code of conduct, with two members of the school board, Maureen Steinecke and Nicholas Ehy, among the participants on the panel. Dr. Edward Felegy, director of pupil services for the county schools, will be the third panelist. The panelists will examine the code from widely divergent points of view.

A suit has been filed recently by the County NAACP, which seeks to stop execution of the code of conduct. Parents of Parkdale students and the general public are urged to attend and participate in the question and answer session.

Officers of the Parkdale PTSA for this year include: Dr. Alfred Counts, president; David Pinson, teacher vice president; Melvin Clark, parent vice president; and Velma DeShields, student vice president. Durrell Moore is the program chairman, while Mrs. Ruth Sobolewski is recording secretary, Mrs. Marjorie W. Owens is corresponding secretary and Edward Lane is treasurer.

New State Law on Parking Violations

Chief William Lane, recently attended a meeting with the Administrative Judge and staff of the District Court concerning the new State parking violation law which becomes effective Jan. 1, 1975. Basically the law provides that persons who ignore a parking ticket will have their license plates withheld by the State Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA), until MVA has been advised that the ticket has been paid. MVA will also refuse to transfer license plates if there are any outstanding unpaid tickets and the violator can also be subject to arrest.

Violators must pay parking fines directly to the municipality. If they desire to stand trial they must advise the police department via the city's new parking citation. Additionally violators must also advise if they request the presence of the officer; otherwise the officer does not have to appear at the trial.

Weidenfeld Elected to PGC Municipal Assoc.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gil Weidenfeld has been elected Vice-Chairman of the Prince Georges County Municipal Association. He was also recently appointed to the Legislative Action Committee of the Maryland Municipal League (MML). The committee is composed of the league president, district vice presidents and representatives of the various area chapters. Weidenfeld represents the Prince Georges County Municipal Association.

At the fall legislative session of the MML, the Legislative Action Committee asked for and received the support of the membership for the League to sponsor as priority items in the 1975 Maryland Legislative session, legislation on tax differential and on municipal surtax.

Passage of this legislation would be significant to Greenbelt because it would allow the county to provide tax relief to Greenbelt residents for those services presently charged for by the county, but supplied by the city (police protection, street lights, etc.), and it would increase the city's share of the county's piggy-back tax paid by Greenbelt residents.

CYO Cross Country Results

St. Hugh's School placed 4th among 14 teams in the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) D.C. and Maryland cross-country championships at Georgetown Prep on October 20, 1974. St. Hugh's had a small team of 12 members, boys and girls who ranged from 7 through 15 years of age, competing at one and two miles.

Winner of the 2 mile for 12-13 year olds was Tom Noel in 11:07. Noel had won 4 of 5 CYO races this season and received an award as the outstanding boy runner in the CYO. John Noel finished 2nd in the 14-15 age group. In 9 years old and under John Vanderzon finished 15th and in 12-13 Steve Marques was 19th. In the 9 and under girls Saskia Vanderzon was 15th and Maureen McEvoy was 16th. In the girls 12-13 age group Rita Noel was 16th.

On Sunday, November 17 a try-out race to qualify for the Junior Olympics will be held at Georgetown Prep on Rockville Pike at distances of 1 or 2 miles depending on age up through 15 years (as of May 1 birthdate).

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4-H Poppies

by Carolyn Williamson

On Sun., Sept. 29, the 4-H Poppies held their fall organizational meeting. New officers elected were: Marianne Coyne - president; Patricia Foster - vice president, Lori Hawes - secretary, Carolyn Crowley - treasurer, Carolyn Williamson - reporter. Kathleen Coyne is the club leader.

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Skolnik Reelected News Review President

Al Skolnik was reelected to another term as president of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, sponsors of the Greenbelt News Review, at a special meeting on Oct. 28. Other officers elected for the 1974-75 year were: Roberta McNamara, vice-president; Barbara Likowski, secretary; and Sandra Barnes, treasurer. These four members plus Sid Kastner, were elected to the board at the annual membership meeting on Oct. 6. The board elects its own officers.

Mary Lou Williamson will continue as editor of the News Review and Sandra Barnes as associate editor.

COLDDIGGERS RAFFLE

The Goldiggers Majorettes, Drum Corps, and Color Guard held their raffle drawing Oct. 18, at the Center Mall. First prize, \$100 savings bond, went to Mrs. M. L. Mortfield of College Park. Second prize, \$50 savings bond, went to Tonia Watters of Rosewood in Greenbelt. Third prize, \$25 savings bond went to Maureen Karasinski of Seabrook.

Deanna McDaniel, Beth Tafoya, and Sherri Hein were the top individual ticket sellers, selling 78, 74, and 70 respectively.

The families selling the most tickets were the Reams, selling 54 books, the Beckfords, selling 30 books, and the Hastings, selling 22 books.

Radio Program For Blind

A closed circuit radio service for the blind, infirm, shut-in, and physically handicapped is being organized and will shortly be placed in operation. Persons eligible to participate in the program will be provided with special radio receivers that will pick up special radio programs. Programming will consist of such things as reading the daily newspapers and other periodicals.

Any handicapped person interested in benefiting from this program should contact The Washington Ear, Inc. at 681-6636. Volunteers wanting to help in this program are also welcome to call.

This program is funded in part by funds granted to The Washington Ear, Inc. by the various local governments in the Washington Metropolitan area. The Greenbelt City Council agreed to budget this year its share of funds for the program in the sum of \$300.

The City Council is eligible to designate a representative to serve on a Program Advisory Committee. Those interested in serving on the committee which will meet at The Washington Ear, Inc. offices in Silver Spring should advise the City Clerk, Mrs. Gudrun Mills, phone no. 474-8003.

Recreation Review

Halloween Costume Winners

On Halloween Thurs., the Youth Center was the gathering place for all local "Trick-or-Treaters" in costume. Winners in the four age groups were: Pre-school - Alpine Girl, Nicky Singleton; Red Riding Hood, Becky Williams; Bo Peep, Theresa Williams; Tennis Player, Nicholas Jones; First and second graders - Clock, Karen Bailey; Mummy, Cole Lauber; Gingerbread Man, Barbie Hastings; Princess, Lara Livingston; 3rd and 4th grade category - Vampire, Tony Bequette; Prairie Woman, Patricia Osika; Scarecrow, Kenny Bailey; Senorita, Lisa Orton; and 5th and 6th graders - Keystone Cop, Scott Hicks; T.V.; Heather Peterson; Hobo, Patricia Foster and Pinocchio, Bill Orton.

Chucks and Lassies - Arts and Crafts

The Chucks and Lassies Fall Program ended Saturday, Nov. 9. The Mon., Wed. and Fri. Arts and Crafts program will end on Fri., Nov. 15.

Festival of Lights

The Third Annual Festival of Lights Crafts Show and Sale will be held on Dec. 6, 7 and 8. Applications are now available to all Greenbelt craftsmen. Registration information may be obtained at the Youth Center business office, weekdays 9-5 p.m., or call 474-6878.

Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot

This is a basketball foul shooting contest for boys and girls of all ages - best of 20 shots. Winners will receive a co-op gift certificate good toward the purchase of a turkey. The contest will be held in the Youth Center Gym on Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.

Men's 'B' League Basketball

Brochures are now available at the Youth Center business office. For team franchise information and further details, call the Rec. Dept., 474-6878, Mon. - Fri., 9-5 p.m. Deadline entry date will be Wed., Dec. 18.

Family Skate

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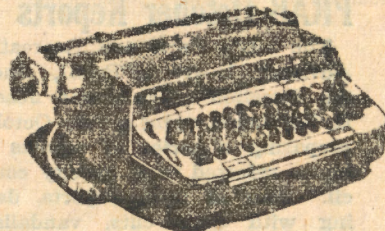
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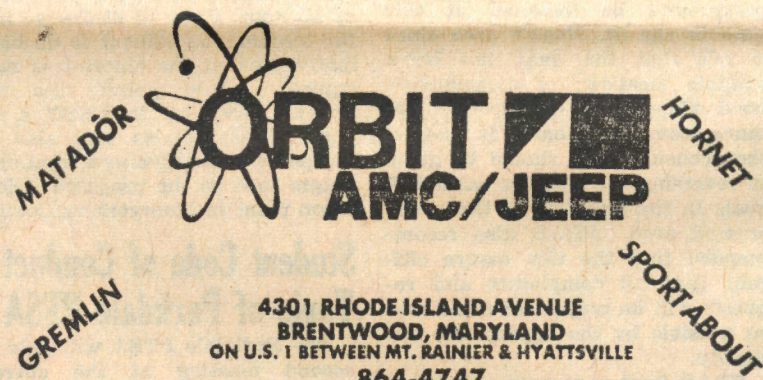
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Tenth-grader Sally Weintraub was one of five Parkdale students named to the All State Orchestra.

Greenbelter Sherlita Queen was crowned Homecoming Queen at Parkdale High School's annual homecoming celebration on Sat., Nov. 2. Sherlita, a senior at Parkdale, lives in the Springhill Lake apts.

Mike Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly, 3 Empire Pl., was chosen "Best Scout of the Camporee" at the fall Boy Scout Camporee Oct. 11-13. Mike attended with his troop #746.

The teams of Ted and Pauline Pritzker and Tony Pisano and Sid Barnett fought a down-to-the-wire battle for first place at last Friday's duplicate bridge session, with the Pritzkers finally emerging a ½-point victor. Third place went to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Finley. Next game: Friday, Nov. 22.

Congratulations to Greenbelter Julius C. Chieppa who received the Commerce Department's third highest honor, the Bronze Medal for Superior Service. Chieppa is an engineering technician, Plant Division, of the Office of the Associate Director for Administration, National Bureau of Standards. He was cited "For dedicated and untiring effort in the relocation of scientific facilities and in the administration of construction contracts."

In the Corvette Club of America Sept. road rally at Beltway Plaza, Darryl Tedder and Bob Antonio of the SHL Sports Car Club walked away with second place trophies. Tedder was driving and Antonio navigating as they overcame such obstacles as nail driving and balloon blowing.

Navy Gunner's Mate Third Class Ronald B. Tilton, son of Mrs. Elaine R. Dunham of 2-N Gardenway, recently crossed the equator while serving aboard the destroyer escort USS Elmer Montgomery.

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Little Green Elves News

The Greenbelt 4-H Club, the Little Green Elves had an election of officers. They are: President: Mary Ann O'Hagan, Vice President: Mary Hensel, Corresponding Secretary: Lucille Hammond, Recording Secretary: Katie Parochetti, Reporter: David Moran, Treasurer: Karen Havekost and Recreation Chairman: Jane Crisman.

On Oct. 19, the club went pumpkin picking in Mitchellville, which was enjoyed by all.

The following members won ribbons and cash awards at the 4-H County Fair, Aug. 16, 17, 18: Carolyn Boone, Sandra Darrow, Jane Crisman, Sally Gough, Lucille Hammond, Karen Havekost, Jeff Hawes, Mary Hensel, Douglas McNamara, Mary Ann O'Hagan, and Katie Parochetti.

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Boys and Girls Club

by Fred Ford

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Basketball Sign-up - Sat., 1 to 3 p.m., at Youth Center. Call 474-8343 for info.

FOOTBALL:

On Sat, Nov. 9, Greenbelt's 75 lb. team defeated Lewisdale by a score of 14 - 6. The touchdowns for Greenbelt were scored by Marco Buteau and Billy Orton. The 75 lb. team has finished the season with an excellent 5 and 3 record. Other scores last Sat. included the 65 lb. team which lost by a narrow margin to Berwyn Heights, 7 - 6. The 85 lb. team lost to Bladensburg 13 - 6 and the 105 lb. team lost to Beltsville 36 - 0.

Football - Ron Brooks 85 lb. team beat Beltsville 13-0, Nov. 2. Touchdowns were made by Robert Hardy on a 2 yd. run and Ray Zugay a 7 yd. run and extra point. Ray Zugay gained 103 total yards rushing and Chris Cantwell 65 total.

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by Gretchen Sacra

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Council To Participate In Greenbriar Hearing

At its Nov. 4 meeting, the city council decided to participate in the adjudicatory hearing on the Greenbriar temporary sewage treatment plant as an intervener. Greenbriar Associates, (the developer of the 1,193-unit condominium project), the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, and the Prince Georges Environment Coalition had requested the hearing in connection with the decision of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to issue a discharge permit under certain conditions.

The council decided that the following points should form the basis for the city's presentation before EPA:

(1) Parameters for virus testing should be established which should include testing and what should be tested for, the volume to be tested, the frequency of testing, and what should be done if the limits established are exceeded;

(2) Should reduction in the qualifications of the operators beyond that outlined in the EPA permit (which requires a Class A operator at all times) be permitted, at least a Class A operator should be present during critical periods of operation; and

(3) City support should be given the EPA requirement for measuring daily results of samples taken as the present permit prescribes. The city council was generally still of the view that the Greenbriar project should be phased into the Western Branch public sewer system as soon as feasible.

Other Business

The council heard a request for support from Gene Nance of the American Legion who is heading up a project of having homeowners inscribe identification numbers on their movable property so that in case of theft such property can be more easily recovered. He suggested that the city might want to purchase a few of the engraving pens to be loaned out by the police department or the public library. Council referred the matter to the police chief for a report.

The council approved a resolution authorizing the negotiated purchase of certain goods and services, not to exceed \$45,400, without going to bid. These are items that when purchased individually are under \$2,500 and less than the limits established for which bids are required, but collectively exceed the \$2,500 limit for the fiscal year.

The council received the resignations of Dorothy Sucher from the Bicentennial Committee and Michael McMahon and Herbert Nigg from the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

CITY NOTES

Reynolds Aluminum picked up aluminum last week. 65 lbs. at \$.15 for a total of \$9.75. Residents may bring aluminum or glass for recycling to the Municipal Warehouse, Crescent Road (Greenbelt Lake Park). For more information call 474-8004.

The contractor building the new recreation center at Springhill Lake poured the footings last Thursday.

Various members of the Youth Services Bureau staff recently visited with other agencies. Evaluation personnel observed the data processing center at the University of Maryland and clinical personnel visited Waxter's Detention Home in Laurel. The Director of Client Services and the Deputy Director heard Dr. Milton F. Shore, Chief of Clinical Research and Program Evaluation, Mental Health Study Center, National Institute of Mental Health speak on vocationally oriented psychotherapy.

The recreation director met twice recently with Greenbelt CARES concerning vandalism prevention.

The begonias were removed from Southway Road and taken to the public works building where they were given to residents of the City. Approximately 200 people came in and received plants.

The Police Blotter

After lengthy investigation, in which the FBI assisted with their laboratory facilities, PFC Robert Smith has obtained warrants charging two adults with grand larceny of copper bars from the electrical room at the FDR High School construction site.

Cpl. Thomas Miskell recovered an auto that had been stolen from Springhill Lake. The officer located the auto while off-duty in Berwyn Heights.

Lt. John Krob and PFC Smith spoke before the Springhill Lake Civic Association on the topic: "What Can We Do to Increase Protection in SHL?" Residents were advised of procedures for protecting their lives and property.

A total of five juveniles were charged with assault on a female resident of Springhill Lake. The incident occurred as a result of a dispute in school. The five were released pending action by Juvenile Court.

Two juveniles were apprehended for truancy violation.

A total of six juveniles were reported missing during the week. All returned home without incident.

A Springhill Lake car was stolen and, as yet, has not been recovered. A look-out was issued.

Zahniser's Poetry Published

Greenbelt resident Ed Zahniser's poetry has been collected by Some Of Us Press in a 32-page book entitled *The Ultimate Double Play*.

Ed Zahniser has been a Greenbelter since 1965, except for a two-year stint in the U.S. Army. He and his wife, Christine Duewel, live on Northway.

The poems in the current collection are the result of Zahniser's experiences in this area and the Adirondack Mountains of New York State over the past five years. His poems deal with the life of the emotions and the subtle impacts of seemingly small exchanges between beings.

Some Of Us Press is a non-profit organization located in Washington.

Greenbelt's Library

Part 2 of the four part "American Folklore" series will be presented on Tues, Nov. 19 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the meeting room. This series is for children aged 8 to 12 and their parents. For further information, call 345-5800.

Committee Making Plans For Bicentennial Events

The nation's Bicentennial is coming and Greenbelt is planning for it. Recently the City Council established the Greenbelt American Revolution Bicentennial Committee to serve as a steering and coordinating committee for Bicentennial events. The Committee is now busy formulating programs and events for the 200th Anniversary in 1976 of the Declaration of Independence and the American Revolution, a preliminary list of which follows:

1. July 4th, 1976 City celebration.
2. 1976 Labor Day Community Festival.
3. Bicentennial holidays - special programs for each holiday in 1976.
4. Establishment of "Greenbelt Day". The 1st Sunday in June as a special City holiday.
5. New Deal museum.
6. Greenbelt museum.
7. Restoration of historic cemeteries in Greenbelt.
8. Greenbelt Trail - a walking tour of the original planned community.
9. Greenbelt as a living example of the Constitution.
10. Greenbelt history.
11. Historic markers for Greenbelt.
12. Histories of unique Greenbelt organizations.
13. Housing for the elderly.
14. Bicentennial monument.
15. Greenbelt Bicentennial commemorative items, i.e. medals, etc.
16. Special programs of local organizations.
17. Seminars or conferences for City planners, etc.
18. Greenbelt musical march contest.
19. Bicentennial contest and competitions.
20. Greenbelt visitor information center.
21. Early American costumes.
22. Painting of underpass for Bicentennial.

For further information or to volunteer your services, contact the City Manager's Office, 474-8003 or a member of the Committee.

Stephen Polaschik

Chairman, Greenbelt American Revolution

Bicentennial Committee

William Aleshire
Elizabeth Allen
Albert Herling
Sue Lange
Patrick O'Shea

Flashing Sign Denied For Beltway Plaza

When is a sign a flashing, blinking sign? This was the question facing county hearing examiner Barry S. Cramp when he recommended on October 25 denial of a request by the Beltway Plaza developer for erection of a free-standing, double-faced, changeable or traveling message lightbulb sign in the parking area near the central entrance. The proposed sign was to be 3 feet by 30 feet, the only other one of its kind in the State is said to be on the Sun Paper building in Baltimore.

Originally denied by the Department of License and Permits in April 1973, the case was appealed to the zoning hearing examiner who held a hearing on July 19, 1974. The City of Greenbelt recommended denial of the permit mainly on the grounds of safety. The county council, sitting as the district council, will have the final say.

The county zoning ordinance prohibits "flashing, blinking, or intermittent or varying intensity of illumination of signs." The applicant contended that his proposed sign does not "flash", but electronically "moves along" and that it is meant to give information. Such a sign can be used for public service messages, he added.

The zoning examiner, however, ruled that a moving sign is a flashing sign and the ordinance clearly intended to include in its prohibition "traveling" or animated signs.

The examiner noted that the proposed sign would undermine one of the stated purposes of the sign ordinance, that of lessening traffic hazards. "In this instance," he said, "a dangerous hazard could result because the attention of motorists would be diverted in an area (Greenbelt Road) that is heavily congested, requiring the motorists' maximum care and attention."

The applicant also contended that denial of the sign would subject the shopping center to undue hardship because of its need to give recognition to the location of other merchants in the Mall and to make the public aware of these businesses. He pointed to the adjoining steep hill which delays observance of the Plaza, thereby diminishing the effectiveness of the existing sign.

But the hearing examiner said that hardship was not an issue, since additional exposure could be achieved through the use of such notification as roof signs or a listing of all merchants on the entrance sign.

Hey, Greenbelt

Thanks for being friendly when I came knocking at your doors in the summer and fall.

Thanks for listening to my views and telling me yours.

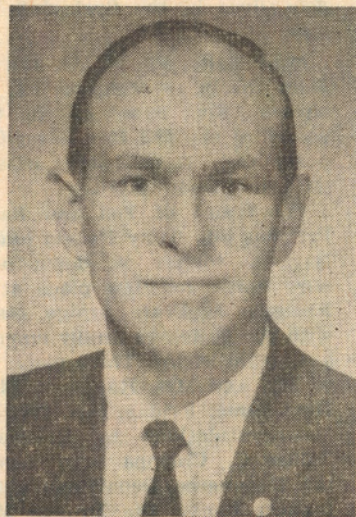
Thanks for choosing me for House of Delegates on Election Day

I asked for your help, so please feel free to ask for mine.

My number is 262-5115.

LEO GREEN

by authority, Nancy O'Brien, Treas.



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